

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman Bill McChesney, on February 20, 2009 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Shawn Graham, OBPP
Mitzi Grover, Committee Secretary
Matt Stayner, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Subjects Addressed: Department of Administration,
Department of Commerce, Department of Revenue, State
Auditor's Office, Military Affairs

Executive Action:

Department of Administration, DP 2303
Department of Commerce, NP 5190, DP 6103, DP 6104,
State Auditor's Office DP 317, DP 314,
Department of Revenue DP 3102,
Military Affairs NP 9000, NP IED

Executive Action:

00:00:05 Chairman McChesney

00:02:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 2303**
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney
and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

00:03:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 2303.**
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen
and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:04:56 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER NP 5190.**

00:06:38 Sen. Zinke

00:07:30 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:07:45 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS NP 5190.**

Discussion:

00:07:58 Shawn Graham, OBPP

00:09:06 Chairman McChesney

00:09:17 Greg DeWitt, LFD

00:09:49 Rep. Sesso

00:12:42 Chairman McChesney

00:12:50 Sen. Laible

00:15:49 Chairman McChesney

00:16:02 Tony Preitre, Director, Department of Commerce

00:19:09 Sen. Laible

00:19:26 Mr. Preitre

00:19:43 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce

00:20:22 Sen. Laible

00:20:39 Mr. Poole

00:21:19 Sen. Laible

00:21:30 Mr. Poole

00:22:02 Sen. Laible

00:22:18 Mr. Poole

00:22:49 Rep. Sesso

00:23:24 Sen. Laible

00:23:47 Rep. Sesso

00:25:22 Sen. Laible

00:25:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-6 by voice vote. Sen. Laible voted aye. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted no by proxy.

00:27:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 6103** Main Street Program. Motion passed 5-1 by voice vote. Rep. Sesso voted no. Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:28:31 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 6103.**

Discussion:

00:29:01 Chairman McChesney

00:29:19 Sen. Laible

00:29:38 Chairman McChesney

00:29:44 Rep. Sesso

00:32:43 Sen. Laible

00:34:58 Rep. McNutt

00:36:00 **Vote:** Motion passed 5-1 by voice vote. Rep. Sesso voted no. Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

00:36:36 Recess

00:39:28 Reconvene

00:39:37 Chairman McChesney

00:39:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 6104** Made in Montana program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

00:40:24 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 6104** Made in Montana program.

Discussion:

00:40:54 Sen. Zinke

00:42:03 Sen. Laible

00:42:24 Matt Stayner, LFD

00:42:55 Rep. McNutt

00:43:18 Mr. Poole

00:44:02 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

00:44:42 Chairman McChesney

00:44:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 6104** Made in Montana program **BE ADOPTED.** Motion passed unanimously by voice

vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:45:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 317**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen, and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:46:11 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 317**.

Discussion:

00:46:28 Sen. Laible
00:47:06 Rep. Sesso
00:48:18 Mr. Graham
00:49:25 Rep. Sesso
00:49:28 Mr. Stayner
00:50:26 Rep. Sesso
00:51:10 Sen. Zinke
00:52:32 Sen. Laible

00:53:12 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:54:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 314**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:54:57 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 314**.

Discussion:

00:55:45 Sen. Laible
00:55:48 Rep. Sesso
00:56:52 Mr. Graham
00:57:40 Rep. Sesso
00:57:49 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

00:57:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 314 BE ADOPTED** with no funding. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney, Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

00:58:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 3102** to expand State Veteran's Service. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

01:00:01 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 3102 BE ADOPTED** by replacing the wording of Missoula office and replace it with Ravalli County office.

Discussion:

01:00:29 Rep. Sesso
01:00:47 Sen. Laible
01:02:04 Chairman McChesney
01:02:33 Sen. Laible
01:03:53 Mr. Stayner

01:04:29 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **TO ADOPT DP 3102** with clarification to expand and enhance statewide Veteran's Services, and to have service officers in Hamilton, Billings and Helena.

01:05:34 Sen. Zinke
01:07:57 Sen. Laible
01:08:49 Mr. Graham
01:09:56 Rep. Sesso
01:11:36 Sen. Zinke
01:12:57 Rep. Sesso

01:14:04 Recess
01:20:17 reconvene

01:20:22 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

01:18:57 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 3102** to expand and enhance statewide Veteran's Services to have three new service officers in Missoula, Billings, and Helena under the provision that the new FTE in Missoula officer spend no less than 2 days in Hamilton, no less than 2 days in Polson, and the remaining day at the discretion of the supervisor with an additional \$7,500 in operating costs each year **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

01:22:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER NP 9000**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen, Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

01:23:12 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **NP 9000** with language that requires SB 315 Pass as introduced and hold at the current language of the bill in the amount of \$200,000 exemption **BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion:

01:25:19 Sen. Zinke
01:27:19 Rep. Sesso
01:27:29 Sen. Zinke
01:27:51 Rep. Sesso
01:30:07 Sen. Zinke
01:32:36 Chairman McChesney
01:32:56 Sen. Laible
01:33:31 Sen. Zinke
01:33:57 Sen. Laible
01:34:55 Chairman McChesney
01:34:47 Rep. McNutt
01:35:55 Chairman McChesney
01:36:24 Rep. McNutt
01:36:51 Rep. Sesso
01:38:54 Sen. Laible
01:41:32 Mr. DeWitt
01:42:01 Sen. Zinke
01:43:52 Rep. Sesso
01:45:15 Chairman McChesney
01:45:20 Rep. Sesso
01:48:10 Chairman McChesney
01:48:30 Sen. Laible

01:48:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-5 by roll call vote. Sen. Laible and Rep. McNutt voted aye. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted no by proxy.

01:50:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **NP 9000** with the condition of the passage of SB 315 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

01:51:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER** action on **NP IED** program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

01:52:42 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS** on **NP IED** program at \$750,000 one time only restricted.

01:53:12 Sen. Zinke
01:58:42 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

01:59:03 **Motion.** Sen Laible moved **NP IED** program as originally passed **BE ADOPTED**.

01:59:44 Mr. Graham

02:00:33 Sen. Zinke
02:01:05 Rep. Sesso left.
02:01:46 Chairman McChesney
02:01:51 Sen. Zinke
02:02:41 Chairman McChesney

02:03:34 **Vote:** Motion passed 6-1 by voice vote. Rep.
Sesso, Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

02:04:19 Chairman McChesney

02:04:45 Recess
02:19:50 Reconvene

02:19:54 Chairman McChesney
02:22:31 Sen. Laible
02:23:01 Mr. DeWitt
02:24:07 Chairman McChesney

Goals and Objective Discussion:

02:24:48 Sen. Laible
EXHIBIT(jgh40a01)
02:26:12 Mr. Stayner
02:26:40 Mr. Graham
02:27:54 Mr. Stayner
02:28:33 Chairman McChesney
02:29:27 Rep. McNutt
02:30:15 Sen. Laible
02:31:23 Sen. Zinke
02:33:36 Rep. McNutt
02:36:51 Sen. Zinke
02:37:47 Chairman McChesney
02:37:56 Sen. Laible
02:38:53 Chairman McChesney
02:39:22 Sen. Zinke
02:40:06 Mr. DeWitt
EXHIBIT(jgh40a02)
02:40:27 Chairman McChesney
02:41:02 Rep. McNutt
02:41:53 Sen. Laible
02:42:24 Mr. Stayner
02:43:45 Sen. Laible
02:45:45 Rep. McNutt
02:47:01 Sen. Laible
02:47:31 Rep. McNutt
02:47:50 Mr. Stayner
02:48:06 Sen. Laible

02:49:15 Chairman McChesney
02:49:34 Sen. Zinke
02:50:25 Rep. McNutt
02:50:49 Sen. Zinke
02:51:22 Chairman McChesney
02:52:07 Sen. Zinke
02:52:59 Chairman McChesney
02:53:05 Sen. Laible
02:54:33 Chairman McChesney
02:54:40 Sen. Laible
02:54:51 Mr. DeWitt
02:55:21 Sen. Laible
02:55:41 Alan Peury, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue
02:56:05 Sen. Laible
02:56:22 Mr. Peury
02:57:03 Sen. Laible
02:57:10 Mr. DeWitt
02:58:05 Chairman McChesney
02:58:36 Sen. Zinke
02:58:58 Chairman McChesney
02:59:45 Sen. Zinke

03:01:24 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved to close executive action on all agencies. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen, Rep. Sesso Nooney voted aye by proxy.

Discussion:

03:03:06 Sen. Zinke
03:03:10 Sen. Laible
03:03:55 Mr. Stayner
03:04:52 Sen. Laible
03:05:10 Mr. Stayner
03:05:47 Sen. Laible
03:06:47 Chairman McChesney
03:06:52 Rep. McNutt
03:07:08 Mr. Stayner
03:07:21 Sen. Laible
03:07:46 Mr. Stayner
03:07:52 Rep. McNutt
03:08:41 Dave Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office
03:11:55 Chairman McChesney
03:12:22 Mr. Ewer
03:12:59 Mr. Stayner
03:13:39 Chairman McChesney
03:13:50 Mr. Ewer
03:14:07 Chairman McChesney

ADJOURNMENT

03:14:21 Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

Mitzi Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jgh40aad.pdf](#))